



*Toy theatres provided do-it-yourself entertainment for youngsters before the advent of TV and radio. Two stagehands could present an entire play providing both were able to read the abridged script and take all the parts! Warren Gaffney, assisted by third year UVic student Ann Butler, hopes to complete cataloguing of the collection this summer.*

## Toy Theatres~ A Victorian Childs' Star Trek

A collection of miniature actors and stage settings for melodramas beloved by children in the early 1800's is being assembled with painstaking care in a backroom of UVic's Maltwood Museum by 1973 Grad, Warren Gaffney.

The toy theatre collection of 16,000 individual pieces was purchased by the English Department in 1964, and reposed in the Library for about eight years.

Gaffney has been assisted in his mammoth job of sorting and listing the sheets of characters, backdrops and "wings" by an Imperial Oil bursary of \$1,000, and O.F.Y. grant of \$2,500, and a grant of \$600 from the Visual Arts Department.

Toy theatres were an international vogue and a thriving industry from 1820 to

1870. Companies producing the printed sheets of play productions were engaged in a price war (one penny for plain, tuppence for coloured sheets) with 50 of them competing for business.

Many character drawings depicted the actor then in favour on the London stage and three distinct poses were usually provided — melodramas require no more!

Business slowed down however when playwrights such as Strindberg and Ibsen introduced realism to the popular stage, and melodramas faded from the scene.

Two of Gaffney's favourites from the collection are the Danish version of "The Three Musketeers" and "Peter Mouse" (Peder Most) assembled in a hand-painted Danish theatre model.

## Female Oarsmen

The first UVic all-girl rowing team is working out daily in preparation for the Canadian Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario, on July 23.

They have been practising steadily since January, rising at 5:00 a.m. three days a week to row on Elk Lake; putting in one-and-a-half hours there on alternate evenings; weight-training; running up hills, and generally getting into shape.

Kathie Francis, one of the nine girls involved, admits she doesn't know whether or not she feels "fitter", but she certainly feels "tired"!

The team is coached by Wayne Van Osterhaut, Physical Education teacher at



Lansdowne. The UVic girls have already competed against University of Washington and other U.S. crews, placing fifth in recent Seattle events.

Ross Ward, manager of the UVic male rowing team comments proudly, "our girls are nowhere near their peak yet, they have several weeks of practice to go."

The men will compete in the rowing events to be held in Burnaby on July 7 before going to St. Catharines.

The girls' team will have competition in their class from the University of Calgary and Montreal Rowing Clubs.

Winners of the Canadian Championships will be sent to the Student International Games in Moscow this August.

Meanwhile, the nine girls rowing UVic shells are facing some financial problems. They have qualified for sponsorship to Ontario by achieving B.C. Rowing Association speeds, but still lack living expenses for the trip. Rowing gives a person a healthy appetite, explains Kathie Francis!

Others on the team are Cathie Griffin, Cathie Auburn, Ina de Lure, Suzanne Williams, Pat McLellan, Ann Kildoff, Nancy Alexander and Gaileen Pottage.

## Under One Roof

Army Hut "C" is slated for demolition. The first step in the phasing out program for the World War II buildings will be taken next week with the construction start of the Physical Plant Services building.

At its regular meeting last week the Board of Governors approved a \$459,072 contract with Cana Construction Co. Ltd. for construction of the building which will house Buildings and Grounds shops,

Traffic and Security, and the offices of Buildings and Grounds and Campus Planning.

The demolition of "C" Hut will be followed by the scrapping of Huts "A", "B" and "D".

The building will be of wood-frame construction and will provide 18,600 square feet of space. Architects are Peterson and Lester. Completion is expected in March, 1974.

## Switch in Roles

Has teaching in high school changed in the past decade? Dr. E.B. Horne, Faculty of Education, is about to find out.

Dr. Horne will trade places with Mrs. Margaret E. Parker of Mount Douglas Senior Secondary School for the first semester of 1973-74. The exchange has been arranged between the University and School District 61, and each participant will completely take over the duties of the other.

Mrs. Parker, a popular and successful math teacher and counsellor, has a distinguished record at Victoria College and Victoria Normal School. Dr. Horne, who taught in Vancouver before coming to UVic in 1960, is in the Math Education section of the Faculty.

The participants in the exchange have received unqualified encouragement from every quarter. They expect to gain renewed insight into each other's professional problems, and hope in some small way, to promote a closer relationship between schools and the university in the common enterprise of teacher education.

*An architect's model of the Physical Plant Services building*



## Summer Session Increase

Summer Session registration shows a slight increase over last year according to co-ordinator Janet Senior.

Total number of students for 1973 is 1,388 an increase of 66 over 1972.

"This is surprising," said Senior, "in view of the fact that there was a general decline in summer registrations forecast across the country. Actually we had expected a slight decline this year."

A total of 110 faculty members are involved in the teaching of 121 courses, including three off campus credit courses in Education being given in Nanaimo at the request of the Nanaimo School Board. Approximately 70 per cent of all students are registered in the faculty of Education.

Non-credit courses with large enrollments are La Maison Francaise with 80 students and the English language programme with 40. Students attending La Maison Francaise are registered from all across Canada; the English Language programme has 40 students enrolled from the province of Quebec. The Quebec students are sponsored by a federal-provincial bursary programme.

## Reading Expert Urges Reform

Dr. John Downing, Faculty of Education, is nearing the end of a four-month speaking tour which has taken him to the U.S., England, France, Finland, Denmark, Austria and Romania.

An English-born psychologist, Dr. Downing is an international authority on reading techniques and has given oral evidence to the British Government Committee of Enquiry into Reading and the Use of Language during his overseas tour.

His book, *Comparative Reading*, was published in England this spring and is the result of three years' study of reading in 14 countries.

The UVic professor moved to Canada from a University of London lecturing post three years ago and has urged a program of reform in England to give reading a higher teaching status.

Dr. Downing's last speaking engagement this summer will be at the Annual Conference of United Kingdom Reading Association, Sheffield, England.



As an example of costs, Mr. Lloyd says the charge for moving a telephone from one wall to another wall in the same office may be as high as \$45.

## Good Morning UVic

If you happen to have a TV set handy at 8:30 a.m. watch the Good Morning Show on CHEK television, channel 6 and 8.

If you didn't see it yesterday, you missed Dr. John Hayward and Dr. Martin Collis talking about the "Man Overboard" research project dealing with cold water survival. This afternoon, Dr. L.E. Devlin, Continuing Education, speaks concerning developments in his field.

Here are three more to watch:

Dr. M.L. Collis	
and Dr. J.D. Eckerson	July 12
Dr. M.J. Ashwood-Smith	July 19
Esse W. Ljungh	July 26

The July 12 program will discuss the university's Shape-Up research; on July 19, Dr. Ashwood-Smith will be interviewed on his research into low temperature preservation of body tissues and organs, and on July 26, Esse Ljungh will talk with some of the participants in the Summer Theatre Workshop for high school students.



*Dr. Frank Spellacy and Virginia Edwards*

## Gold Medallist

The British Columbia Psychological Association Gold Medal was presented to Virginia Edwards recently in recognition of outstanding achievement for an undergraduate in psychology. Dr. Frank Spellacy, an executive member of the Association, who presented the medal said the award is made to the most outstanding student in psychology in both majors and honours. A similar medal is presented at

UBC and at Simon Fraser University. Mrs. Edward's grade point average in psychology was 8.4. Her overall g.p.a. was 8.2.

## Campus Tel Communications

The complicated network of telephone communications on campus is being untangled by Gil Fletcher, technician with Buildings and Grounds, who toured offices this month accompanied by two B.C. Tel employees.

The survey, instigated by General University Services and developed by Special Projects Officer, M.W. Davidson, is an effort to check the adequacy of equipment.

In the last six years, the number of "locals" on the UVic switchboard has increased from 300 to 700, not counting office extensions. E.R. Lloyd, Manager of Media & Technical Services, estimates that about 1,000 phones are now in service, but may not be meeting campus requirements.

"Like many support services, telephone equipment has lagged behind other office needs", he commented.

## Low Temperature Storage Research Grant

Grants totalling \$28,000 have been awarded to Dr. M.J. Ashwood-Smith, Biology, by the Medical Research Council of Canada for continuing research into preservation of body cells and organs at low temperatures.

The grants were \$12,000 for 1973-74 and \$16,000 for 1974-75. Previous grants to Dr. Ashwood-Smith for the same research in the last three years have totalled \$60,000.

The research will be carried out in conjunction with Dr. G.W. Voss of the Department of Surgical Sciences at the University of Alberta. Dr. Ashwood-Smith says he is hopeful that some basic work already completed can now be investigated clinically. In particular the research is concerned with blood platelets, that part of the blood associated with clotting. It is hoped the research will result in improved methods for storage of the platelets at low temperature, prior to clinical transfusion.







Dr. Ashwood-Smith, Acting Chairman of the Department of Biology, and Professor of Cellular Physiology, joined the faculty in 1969 from the Medical Research Council of Great Britain where he was for some time associated with Professor, Sir Allan S. Parkes, F.R.S., and Dr. Audrey U. Smith who, together with Dr. C. Polge, developed the technique of low temperature preservation of animal semen, a development which revolutionized the cattle breeding industry in North and South America.

He was also involved in early development work for the low temperature storage of cornea for grafting in certain cases of blindness due to corneal opacity.

## Services Streamlined

A reorganization of Systems and Computing Services Department, effective July 1, makes changes in certain staff functions and titles. According to H.R. Widdifield, Director, the changes should result in a smoother and more efficient operation, while utilizing the same basic staff.

Peter Darling, Manager of Computing

Services, leaves that position to take up new duties as Senior Management Consultant in the office of the Dean of Administration.

The Department will now consist of three major divisions: Computing Services, Academic Systems and Systems Services. Managers of the Divisions are: David Stothard, Computing Services; Chorkin Chan, Academic Systems; Tony Copping, Systems Services.

Two Assistant Managers have been appointed in the Computing Services Division; P.J. Sumsion for Operations, and R.C. Allen for Systems.

## Responsibilities Recognized

Recommendations for a change in the titles of two staff members were accepted at the Board of Governors meeting on June 25.

Mrs. Shirley Baker, former Manager of Housing Services will be titled Manager, Housing and Conference Services.

Miss Doris D. Schuh, Manager of Food Services has now been named Manager of Food Services and of the Commons Block.

## Faculty News

### ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Donald H. Mitchell, Association Professor, has been appointed Acting Chairman of the Department effective July 1, 1973.

### PENSION PLAN

The Board of Pension Trustees of the Pension Plan for Faculty and Administrative-Professional staff has appointed Dr. Leonard Laudadio (Economics) as a

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Member Trustee to serve until the next trustee election. Dr. Laudadio, who has been a trustee in previous years fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. Donald MacLaurin.

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, July 6

12:30 pm Informal Soccer, Faculty, staff and students welcome to join game.

### Tuesday, July 10

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### Wednesday, July 11

4:45 pm CUPE Local 951, General Meeting, Commons 208/209

8:00 pm Public Lecture, MacLaurin Building, Room 144. Prof. Esse W. Ljungh, "Radio: A World of Facts and Fantasy"

### Thursday, July 12

8:00 pm Chess Club, Clearihue 128

### Friday, July 13

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### Tuesday, July 17

12:30 pm Informal Soccer

### Wednesday, July 18

12:30 pm Public Lecture, MacLaurin Building, Room 144. Prof. J.D. Jump, "Love to Gifford: A Curious Aspect of Byron's Career"

### Thursday, July 19

8:00 pm Chess Club, Clearihue 128

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